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- 25X1A 1. The dollar shortage in Yugoslavia is acute. Special agents in Graz, Vienna, Ankara, Trieste, Athens, Milan, Rome, Zurich, Paris, and the Low Countries are seeking to purchase dollars which are then forwarded to Belgrade via diplomatic courier. These dollars generally cost 17 percent, or more, above the normal rate of exchange because they have to be paid for in local currency which, in turn, is purchased at the diplomatic rate or has to be borrowed from Yugoslav or pro-Yugoslav firms and organizations.
- 25X1A 2. The dollar fund is also being build up by shipping large quantities of rough or refined opium and morphine to Yugoslav commercial attaches by means of the diplomatic pouch. These narcotics are then sold through third parties. This traffic is directed particularly towards Vienna, Trieste and Zurich.

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